(घ) और (ङ) उर्वरक उद्योग ने उर्वरकों के उत्पादन में असंतुलन को दूर करने के लिए कुछ सुझाव दिए हैं जिनमें अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ अनियंत्रित उर्वरकों पर रियायत की राशि में वृद्धि तथा तदर्थ रियायत के दावों को तेजी से रिलीज करना शामिल है। जबकि दावों की तत्परता से जांच की जा रही है। बजटीय बाधाओं के कारण रियायत की राशि को बढ़ाना संभव नहीं हुआ है।

Shortage of Pulses in the Country

*74. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the answers to Unstarred Questions 651 and 723 given in the Rajya Sabha on 4th August, 1995 and Unstarred Question 579 on 1st December, 1995, respectively, and state:

(a) whether there is a shortage of pulses in the country; and

(b) if so, which particular variety is in short supply?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (DR. JAGANNATH MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir. There is shortage of total pulses in the country.

(b) The variety-wise demand is not monitored. However, excepting Gram other major pulses were in short supply during 1995-96.

Supervision of Rural Development Programmes

*75. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether, in view of the more than 30,000 crores of rupees being spent on Rural Development during the 8th Five Year Plan, Government propose to appoint its own direct officers of the IAS or other cadres in each district in the country to superintend and supervise the schemes in the respective districts;

(b) if so, how and by when; and if not, the reasons therefore; and

(c) how Government propose to deal with the complaints of some of the State Governments for hijacking these programmes or for misusing this money for other work?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (DR. JAGANNATH MISHRA): (a) and (b) There is no proposal to appoint IAS Officers from the Centre in the Districts for supervision of Schemes.

(b) The Central Govt. has evolved an elaborate and effective monitoring mechanism to exercise check on misuse of funds of rural development programmes. The monitoring mechanism consists of periodical progress reports, review meetings by Ministers and Secretary level officers and intensive field inspections by Senior Officers of Ministry who have been allocated specific states under the Area Officers Schemes. Besides, checks and balances have also been laid down in release procedures which insist upon utilisation certificates and audit reports before release of second instalment.

Further instructions have also been issued in October, 95 to State Governments for constitution of State, district and Block level vigilance committees to supervise and exercise vigilance in implementation of rural development programmes. Central Govt. will have two representatives on state level committees and one representative on district level committee.